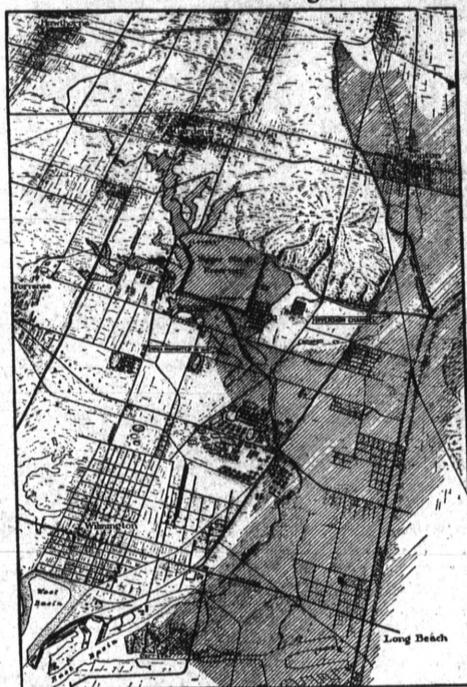


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Nigger Slough Reclamation Project Benefit to District In Protection Against Floods



Cities in southern Los Angeles County and much agricultural land would be benefited by reclaiming Nigger Slough and controlling Compton Creek, says Geo. E. Cecil, a prominent southland authority upon water matters. The shaded areas on this map are now subject to inundation, according to flood control engineers. In an accompanying article, Mr. Cecil explains why the Nigger Slough Project of the Flood Control District is an important venture.

One of the outstanding opportunities for the development of water conservation and flood control in Los Angeles county exists in the Nigger Slough area and in the vicinity of Compton.

The greater part of Compton and much adjoining territory to the north and south is at present seriously menaced by the lack of an adequate channel to carry the waters of Compton Creek. This situation is made still more difficult by the discharge from the Los Angeles Main street storm drain into the upper end of Compton Creek. Other additional storm drains are proposed to join this channel in the future.

Level lands adjoin Compton Creek on each side, and the overflow of flood waters thus spreads over a large area, including the business district of Compton. Such a condition occurred in 1927 and 1928 when several square miles were inundated. It may be expected to occur again until the channel is increased sufficiently in capacity to carry a maximum flood.

To date there have been no permanent channel improvements

constructed on Compton Creek, although 5.9 miles of 78 per cent of its length has been improved in a temporary manner—consisting mostly of training channels. Twenty-two per cent of its length is without any improvement whatsoever.

According to E. C. Eaton, chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the works to protect property now endangered can be constructed at minimum expense and would not entail any great engineering problems. An open re-inforced concrete channel—designed so that it can be covered later—would be built from the junction of Main street storm drain near 108th street and Avon boulevard for more than six miles to Alameda street just south of Compton. Here the channel joins with the east fork of Compton Creek and forms a much larger stream.

The flow of these two streams would be carried in an open channel protected with gunnite lining to the point at which Compton Creek joins the Los Angeles river—a distance of over 9000 feet.

As planned by the county flood control engineers, these improvements would permanently protect from inundation the city of Compton and also lands adjoining Compton Creek for a distance of about eight miles.

Another beneficial result of the project is scarcely less important—the conservation of these flood waters by collection in one outlet and their transportation to the Nigger Slough reservoir which is proposed as a unit of the Comprehensive Flood Control Plan.

In the second article of this series I will describe the features of this water storage project which make it attractive to cities in the southern half of Los Angeles county.

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of two articles written by Mr. Cecil for the Herald. The second article will follow in an early issue.)

Night School to Entertain During Public School Week

Observing Public School Week, which begins April 25, the evening high school will hold open house on the evening of April 29, beginning at 6 o'clock. All rooms will be open to the public at that hour, with exhibits on display of the work that has been done in these classes. At 7:15 the rooms will be closed and the visitors will be conducted to the high school auditorium where a special program will be presented beginning at 7:30.

Further details of the entertainment to be offered at this time will be given in the Herald next week.

Narbonne P. T. A. Elects Officers

LOMITA.—Election of officers at a meeting of Narbonne Parent Teachers Association, held Tuesday, resulted in the selection of the following: President, Miss Fanny Pirner; vice presidents, Mrs. K. Mickelson, Miss Mary Wylie; treasurer, Mrs. Geraldine Cook; secretary, Miss Helen Rose; financial secretary, Mrs. Tom Wilkacy; historian, Mrs. T. Wilkacy; auditor, Mrs. Veva Foote. Owing to the fact that many members of the association wished to watch the sailing of the fleet, a very brief meeting was held, with election of officers as the principal business transacted.

Just Around

Four of us went off on a desert trip Sunday and we had about the best time that we'd had since Adam was a yearling as the old saying goes, and we poked around into some mighty interesting places before we got the old Chevle headed for home.

The old Mojave desert has a mighty fascination for a lot of people besides just prospectors and desert rats, and it well deserves all the interest that people show in its attractions. Take the Joshua trees for instance. Up there beyond Palmdale there's hundreds of them, thousands of them probably for they were growing out there on both sides of the road two weeks and a holler beyond where ordinary eyesight could carry. All ages they were from the little spindly ones just getting a start in life to the old twisted rugged ones that had withstood the heat and cold and high winds of many a year. And they were all in bloom too, this day, and when we stopped to take a picture of one I picked up one of the seeds.

I thought they might be good to eat but I was a little skipperish about taking a chance, only having along a couple of doctor's assistants who might not have known what to do for a case of Joshua indigestion.

Well we left the Joshuas to get along the best they could and went on up to Red Rock canyon where the emigrants came through after their well known hike through Death Valley. I reckon they were not nearly so much impressed with the scenery there as we were, because they still had a long way to go for water at Willow Springs, so the canyon must have been to them just another ordeal of rough climbing and stumbling over rocks and staggering through burning sand. But seeing as we and a lot of other tourists and W. O. W.'s who were having a picnic there had rode in and was going to ride out it was a thrill to see the rugged grandeur of those high walls eroded into castles, cathedrals and shapes of all kinds, some in vivid red and others in a misty sort of gray that gave you the feeling that you were looking at the ghost homes of a ghost race of cliff dwellers that had vanished ages ago and only left the dreams of their dwellings behind.

The Indians used to frequent this canyon years ago, and many tales are told of mysterious doings there. There was considerable superstition about the place among the old tribes.

From there we went up into a place called by various names such as Roaring Ridge, the Last Chance canyon, and more lately, the Petrified Forest. Millions of years ago this locality was covered with a forest of different kinds of trees, such as the black mahogany, white oak, osage orange, only this was not the little spindly kind of an osage that we know back in the middle west, but a grander and rugged giant with a good many years of life to his credit. As time went on and the successive geological changes took place that only a scientist can explain, these trees were covered up and soaked up enough silica solution to change them into stone. Now some of them have been dug up and here's the thing that makes them different from a good many petrified forests if not from all of them. Embedded in these stone trees are pockets from which the owner of this big tract has taken many opals, among them the rare and immensely valuable black 'opal, which is found only in the pockets of one particular kind of a tree. I went over the trail that the boys have built over the rocks and saw not only the tree specimens, but fossil foot prints of numerous animals, of pre-historic days, among them a couple of little eohippus the three-toed ancestor of the horse of these modern days.

Out of the side of the cliff scientists dug up the remains of a four-tusked mastodon which was shipped to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and there assembled and mounted with only a measly 15 per cent of his anatomy missing. Saber tooth tigers and other ferocious beasts of the pre-Adam days have been found there too, and so interesting and valuable to science is the locality that arrangements are being made to make the place into a government reserve.

Now about the reason the boys call the place Roaring Ridge is because—yes you guessed it, the wind roars there so much at night. As for the Last Chance name, well the story is that when the old prospector boys used to go out to hunt for gold they went far and wide over the canyons and gulches around here and when they had gone everywhere and found little or nothing they used to come up in here to the placer diggings and take out enough to stake them for the winter and another trip into the hills the next spring.

Some of the old boys of the good days of mining in boom times are still living in the canyon and have been for thirty years or more. And do you know what they live in? Caves dug out of the side hill along the trail. A stove and a bunk with a blanket for the cold nights is all the furniture except for the personal knickknacks that a prospector would pick up and treasure as mementoes of his earlier days as a rover and perambulator. A successful follower of the gold rush days. Cool in summer, warm in winter, no rent to pay and the eternal hills and each other for company. As long as there is a pot of beans on the stove and a pipeful of tobacco in the sack there's prosperity in the home and contentment in the heart.

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Reconstruction Organization to Open Campaign

National Movement to Build Up Public Confidence Gains Impetus

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—Declaring the campaign of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, of which he is California chairman, headed by Col. Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, opening next week in this state, to be the most vital step in the reconstruction campaign, John G. Mott, of this city, yesterday characterized the spirit of the local movement to have the allaying of fear as the outstanding objective, which should in turn put thousands of California men and women back on the job.

Enlarging on the immediate possibility of the re-employment in this state, Mr. Mott said that estimates were in agreement that \$50,000,000 was probably in hiding in this state, and that this represented eight times the intrinsic sum involved, or \$400,000,000 taken from the credit structure, which in useful circulation would be adequate to accomplish this purpose.

"We are not concerned with the channels into which Californians

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

The economics class is having a good time discussing current day problems. Last week, J. O. Bishop, F. Barrett, J. F. Stone and Dr. Fossum led in a debate on "Installation Buying Is a Good Thing for the Nations."

This week, Mr. and Mrs. Raus, Olive Robinson, Viola Bray and others will discuss current economic problems from our school magazine, "The Scholastic." Everyone interested is invited. You may take part or be a "listener in," Monday and Wednesday, 7 to 9.

It is still profitable to join the English class which is now writing business letters, having lessons in modern business usage and studying business spelling. Part of the English hour is devoted to public speaking, Monday and Wednesday, 8 to 9. Two new members this week are Mrs. Joyce Hindley and Mrs. Valentine Brown from Lomita.

place this money, but we are immediately and vitally concerned in clarifying the understanding of our people as to the safety of our state resources, and in turn, many will be enlightened so they may comfortably and assuredly enter into the normal transaction of business, and not be fearful of loss," he said.

Miss Lewis Awarded Prize In Contest

Miss Beulah Lewis, 1915 Gramercy, was one of four who received prize awards given by the Breakfast Club of Los Angeles, which organization is sponsoring a weekly contest to arouse more interest in the Tenth Olympiad. Miss Lewis submitted a poem on "Neighborhoods."

"Distance is no barrier To those who would be friends; Neighbors are those who keep in touch From where earth begins and ends.

"Mountains and deserts and waters Are not looked upon with dread, If people want to be neighbors, They will echo to their tread.

"Their interest will not falter, What ever their creed or race; The golden thread of neighborliness Is not measured by time or space."

Children Present Olympic Playlet

At the regular business meeting of the P. T. A. held at the elementary school Tuesday afternoon, the members were delighted with an original presentation by the children of the bungalow school entitled, "How the World Plays," having as its subject the Olympic Games.